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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

We are forwarding herewith: Facsimile Transmittal Cover Sheet; Response to Restriction Requirement in the application of Tatsuya Yamazaki, et al.; Serial No.: 09/810,380 for AUTOMATIC FOCUS ADJUSTMENT DEVICE filed March 16, 2001 in Group 2615.

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Applicant : Tatsuya Yamazaki, et al  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of July 14, 2004, applicants elect, for further prosecution in this application, the species of the invention of the FIG. 16, upon which claims 24-28 are readable.

Applicants further traverse the restriction requirement to the extent that it states that FIGS. 16 and 17 are directed to patentably distinct species of the invention. In particular, as discussed in applicants' specification, at page 40, line 20, through page 42, line 10, FIG. 16 shows a block diagram of a sixth embodiment of applicants' invention. As also discussed in applicants' specification at page 42, line 11 through page 45, line 4, FIG. 17 is a "flow chart showing the flow process to be executed within the system control circuit 162 which represents a feature of the sixth embodiment." Thus, FIGS. 16 and 17

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are directed to the same species of the invention and it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be amended to include FIG. 17 in the species with FIG. 16.

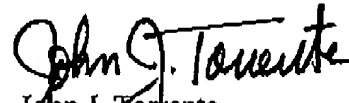
Applicants further submit that the species of FIGS. 18 and 19 is directed to the seventh embodiment of the invention which, as discussed at pages 36-40 and 45-46 of applicants' specification, is sufficiently related to the species FIGS. 16 and 17 to be considered in the same application. Accordingly, applicants request that the restriction requirement be further modified to include the species of FIGS. 18 and 19 and claims 29 and 30 which read thereon, with the elected species of FIGS. 16 (and 17) and claims 24-28 which read thereon.

Applicants further point out that claim 24 is believed to be generic.

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